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THE WEATHER

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Showers and warmer. Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho—Occasional light rain or snow; continued low temperatures.

HANDS OFF! PEOPLE FIRST!

The day of strict party conventions is setting; and if it were but realized, the fuller power and influence of partisan expression lies with primary polls, and in Oregon this is essentially true of the Republican interest and control.

The principle of primary popular expression is alive, and legally alive, in this State, and of all the clamorous gagers and high-binders in the dominant party or in the minority parties, not one dare to move for the repeal of the law.

It strikes us, in the course of a review of the situation at present, with a number of good Republicans already in the field and their candidacies aligned for the primaries, that it is going to work a sharp injustice to these men to foist endorsements and specific declarations prior to the open avowals of the party at the April polls.

MUSICAL PLEASURES AHEAD.

Everybody in this city with music in their souls is hoping devoutly there may be no serious impediment to the organization of the Philharmonic society that is in course of formation under the auspices of Dr. Emil Enna, aided by the two score ladies and gentlemen who possess contributory gifts that are to constitute its effective charm.

EXPAND OR CUT IT OUT? The University of Oregon is not a tentative thing; it is one of the chiefest of the elemental fixtures of the commonwealth and should be

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THE ANARCHISTIC MOUTH.

There may be American anarchists, but we have yet to know them as actualities. The man who despises all forms and principles of government, regulation and restriction, moral, ethical, social and commercial is 999 times out of 1,000 born on foreign soil and bears a foreign name.

EDITORIAL SALAD

Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in America, has moved into a \$19 flat at Hoboken. Instead of an automobile she can use the \$70,000,000 tunnel under the Hudson.

Havana is beginning to cheer Governor Magoon when he appears in public. In the course of time the Cubans will admit that another withdrawal on the part of the United States doesn't look good to them, and that they can think of no alternative to annexation that will work.

Valparaiso will erect a municipal theater on the site of one destroyed by earthquake in August, 1906. The material will be steel, which is also proposed for the passenger railway cars of the future, an idea urged with the statement that it will reduce rail way casualties one-half.

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Before the People

Cards of Candidates in the Coming Campaign.

For Congress.

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To The People.

In submitting my name to the electors of the Fifth Judicial District for their consideration for the office of District Attorney of said District, I desire to say that if I am nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, honestly, vigorously and impartially perform all the official duties pertaining to said office, without fear or favor, endeavoring always to accord to every individual, irrespective of party, politics or personalities, a square deal under the law, keeping always uppermost in my mind the interests of the tax payers of said District and State.

E. B. TONGUE.

CHARTER FOR NEW YORK.

ALBANY, March 26.—The Assembly passed without an amendment, the Senate bill providing for a new charter revision by a commission for New York City.

PRICES OF DIAMONDS.

NEW YORK, March 26.—"With a view to correcting my misapprehension on the part of the public and the trade," the jewelers board of trade, whose membership includes import and kindred trades throughout the country, have issued a statement in which it is declared there is no prospect of a reduction in the price of diamonds.

SHOPS SHUT DOWN.

HOUSTON, Texas, March 26.—The Southern Pacific and Texas Central shops were shut down today. Two thousand men are thrown out of work.

Shakespeare's Wild Animals. Shakespeare makes use of no fewer than twenty species of British wild animals. Of these the badger, the otter and the water rat are once each employed by name merely as terms of abuse. The polecat and hedgehog are also terms of abuse, but are so far "described" as to be called respectively "stinking" and "thorny." The dormouse and ferret are each used once as adjectives for "sleepy" and "ferce." The shrew gives its name to a play, but is never mentioned as an animal. The mole is mentioned twice as being "blind," the wildcat once as "sleeping by day," the cony as "struggling in the net" and "dwelling where she is kindled" and the squirrel as "the fairies' conchmaker" and as having already hoarded that year's nuts on May day.

The rat and the mouse, being only the M. domesticus, required no "observation" by the poet, so that the above represents the total of Shakespeare's natural history with regard to all but six of his British quadrupeds. The poet's only "original" references to the weasel are blunders. The bat is mentioned three times as an actual animal, once wrongly, as a migrant, like the swallow, pursuing summer; once fancifully, as the "ferocious" out of whose "leathern" wings Titania's elves "made their coats, and once, finely, "ere the bat hath flown his cloistered night," saw fixing the hour of "Duncan's murder."

DUKE OWES HIS TAILOR.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Judge Conlon of the City Court has under consideration a motion in a suit of James Cavanaugh, a tailor of London and Paris, against the Duke of Chaumont, who recently married Miss Theodora Shonts, daughter of Theodor P. Shonts. The suit is to recover \$1,345 alleged to be due for clothes furnished by the tailor to the duke in 1901.

SYSTEM OF ROBBERY

Involving City Employees and Big Business Firms.

IN WATER DEPARTMENT GRAFT

Supplies Never Used by the City Were Purchased Ostensibly for the Water Department and Then Used by City Plumbers.

CHICAGO, March 26.—An amazing system of robbery and graft involving city employees and big business firms and extending back through several years was uncovered yesterday in the water department. As a result of the revelations two employees, including a division head, were removed, and 38 subordinate employees are slated for discharge today. Some of them may be indicted for complicity in the thefts.

Through the use of tampered meters and the connivance of city employees several large corporations have defrauded the city of hundreds of thousands of dollars in water taxes. At the same time the employees of the meter division to which the scandal is confined, have plundered the stock of supplies, selling meters to junk dealers and bartering materials for drinks in saloons.

Supplies never used by the city were purchased ostensibly for the water department and then used by city plumbers in private outside business.

The payrolls of the division were found padded with idlers and incompetents. The force which originally numbered 200 men was reduced by Superintendent W. J. McCourt, of the water bureau, to fifty. The unearthing of the crookedness is due to the efforts of Superintendent McCourt, who was appointed head of the bureau six weeks ago, after winning first place in the merit test for the place.

EMBEZZLER CAUGHT.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Ferdinand Dudenhofer, formerly the tax collector for the Third District of New Orleans, who disappeared a year ago, was arrested here today. It is alleged he was \$75,000 short.

UGHT TO LIVE LONGER.

CHICAGO, Mar 26.—Three score and ten years of earthly existence is an old fashioned allotment of a man's life according to Bishop Samuel Fallows. People ought to be ashamed that they do not live to be 100 or 120 years in this age, he holds.

At 80 a man should be in the prime of life, whereas now 40 or 45 is declared to be the climax.

Bishop Fallows was speaking on "The Mission of Pain" at the St. Pauls Reformed Episcopal Church.

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